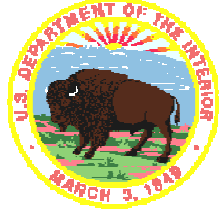




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Free Family Fishing Day Planned for Farewell Bend State Park

Baker City, June 2—A free day of family fishing, and related activities and prizes, is planned for June 12 at the Farewell Bend State Park. Festivities will begin at the park at 10:00 in the morning. All children and adults are invited to participate. Special accommodations will be provided for persons with disabilities and older Americans.

According to Ray Perkins, biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, participants can expect to catch a variety of freshwater fish. “Last year, more than 200 participants caught everything from catfish to crappie to bass. We follow the bag and size limits, but no fishing licenses are required on site during the event,” explained Perkins.

Food and drink will be available for purchase at the Baker County Sheriff’s Posse chuck wagon. “Additionally, free boat inspections will be conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary upon request; jetboat rides will be provided; and there will be a special presentation by Joy Christensen of Joy Productions of Baker City called “Working Cowgirl” at 7:00 p.m. in the park amphitheater,” said Ben Cox, park ranger.

Steve Coley, fire specialist for the Bureau of Land Management, urges families to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. “Included in the fun is a casting contest, and lots of prizes and door prizes. Many volunteers, including the Nazarene Church of Vale, are helping to make this a fun-filled day. We hope to see you there.”

Free Family Fish Day is an event in celebration of National Free Fishing Week, and is being sponsored by Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management.

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